

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 147 EAST MAIN, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:01 AM.**

**PARTICIPANTS:** COMMISSIONERS BILL STRINGER, MARK RAYMOND AND MICHAEL MCKEE, CHAIR.

**ATTENDANCE:** LIBERTY BEST, DON SHULL, JOEL BROWN, MICHAEL WILKINS, LOREN ANDERSON, CHERYL MEIER, BRYAN MEIER, ROBERT BARNHILL, ED ZURBUCHEN, JON STEARMER, KRISTEN BAUMGARTEN, CLINT HENDRICKS, WENDI LONG, SAM PASSEY, AMYE ROSS, MICHAEL HAWLY, ADAM MASSEY, BRENDA MCDONALD, JIM LEKAS, BARBARA SIMPER, BRET REYNOLDS, MATT CAZIER, ALEX BUXTON, AND JEREMY RAYMOND.

MINUTES RECORDED BY TAI BRUCKNER

**PRAYER** GIVEN BY ROBERT BARNHILL

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** LED BY LOREN ANDERSON

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES AUGUST 31, 2015**

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COMMISSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

**WARRANTS** DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246,986.15 AND DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,376,580.44 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**TAX MATTERS:** BARBARA SIMPER

BARBARA SIMPER REQUESTED APPROVAL TO REFUND PROPERTY TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95.63 FOR TAX YEAR 2013 AND \$93.55 FOR TAX YEAR 2014 FOR SERIAL NUMBER 03:056:0016.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUND AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BUSINESS LICENSES:** ROBERT BARNHILL

BUTLER GUTTERS OWNED BY RONALD BUTLER LOCATED AT 953 SOUTH 1350 WEST, VERNAL IN R-1 ZONING. HE INSTALLS SEAMLESS RAIN GUTTERS. ALL EQUIPMENT IS STORED IN AN ENCLOSED TRAILER. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL R-1 ZONING AND HOME BUSINESS REGULATIONS.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CEMETERY CERTIFICATES:** MICHAEL WILKINS

SHAROL THOMSON, TRUSTEE OF THE FRANKLIN THOMSON FAMILY TRUST WOULD LIKE TO SELL BACK TO UTAH COUNTY BLOCK H 35 ¾ LOT 3 SPACE 3 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK.

KIM GOODRICH AND JUANITA GOODRICH PURCHASED BLOCK H 36.5 LOT 1 SPACE 3 AND BLOCK H 36 LOT 1 SPACE 1 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE SUM OF \$600.

LISA GARDINER PURCHASED LOT 224 SPACES 15, 23, 24, 31, AND 32 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE SUM OF \$1500.

ROBERT HARRINGTON AND NORMA HARRINGTON PURCHASED LOT 212 SPACES 20 AND 21 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE SUM OF \$600.

RANDY CARTER PURCHASED BLOCK H 119.50 LOT 2 SPACE 3 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$300.

JARED DANSIE AND BECKY DANSIE PURCHASED BLOCK 334 LOT A SPACES 1 – 16 IN THE ROCK POINT CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$4800.

LLOYD SWAIN AND SHELA SWAIN PURCHASED BLOCK 2 LOT 40 SPACES 4 AND 5 IN THE DRY FORK CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$600.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELL BACK AND THE CEMETERY CERTIFICATES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BID AWARD FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS – MICHAEL WILKINS**

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MET ON FRIDAY. THEY WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL TIME TO REVIEW THE BIDS FOR THE DISTRICT COURT AND DRUG COURT CONTRACTS. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED AWARDED THE APPELLATE COURT TO THOMPSON APPEALS FOR \$65 AN HOUR. THEY WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND HALF OF THE JUVENILE COURT CASES TO ALLRED, BROTHERRSON, AND HARRINGTON FOR \$6000 PER MONTH. THEY RECOMMEND HALF THE JUVENILE COURT AND THE INDIGENT JUVENILE MATTERS AWARDED TO STOWELL AND CRAYK AT \$7000 PER MONTH. JON STEARMER ADDED THE CONTRACTS WILL BE ENTERED INTO FOR ONE YEAR RATHER THAN THREE. THIS WILL ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR BUDGET FLUCTUATIONS AND DEFENSE LAW CHANGES. THESE ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE LOWEST BIDS BUT ARE THE ONLY BIDS FOR THOSE CONTRACTS.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO AWARD THE APPELLATE COURT CONTRACT TO THOMPSON APPEALS, HALF OF THE JUVENILE COURT CONTRACT TO ALLRED, BROTHERRSON AND HARRINGTON AND HALF, INCLUDING INDIGENT, TO STOWELL AND CRAYK AS PRESENTED AND TABLE THE BID AWARDS FOR THE DISTRICT COURT AND DRUG COURT CONTRACTS AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE UTAH COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,000,000 TO OBTAIN AN INTEREST RATE SAVINGS BY RETIRING THE OUTSTANDING LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2008A OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY OF UTAH COUNTY; AND RELATED MATTERS.**

MICHAEL WILKINS BEGAN THE PUBLIC HEARING BY STATING THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WEEKS AGO TO PLACE THE QUESTION OF REFINANCING THE BOND ON THE BALLOT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT REFINANCING THE EXISTING REVENUE BONDS ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX WILL REDUCE THE INTEREST RATE FROM 5.45% TO 3.3%. THIS WILL SHAVE FIVE TO SIX YEARS OFF THE LOAN AND SAVE \$12.5 MILLION. IT IS ADVISED TO GO TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS RATHER THAN REVENUE BONDS BECAUSE OF THE INTEREST RATE. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ARE PREFERRED BECAUSE THEY ARE BACKED BY THE TAXPAYERS AND THE VALUE OF THE COUNTY. IF THE REFINANCE WERE TO GO THROUGH, THE COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY A SMALLER PAYMENT ANNUALLY OR CONTINUE PAYING AS WE ARE NOW AND PAY OFF THE DEBT FIVE TO SIX YEARS EARLY. THIS REFINANCE WOULD NOT RESULT IN ANY TAX INCREASE AND THERE WILL NOT BE ANY NEW PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE NOTED THIS IS JUST LIKE REFINANCING A HOUSE TO A LOWER INTEREST RATE. THIS WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS.

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED IF THE BOND IS VOTED DOWN, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. THE COUNTY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REFINANCE AT SUCH A LOW RATE. THE COUNTY IS ALREADY PAYING ON THIS DEBT SO THAT WOULD NOT CHANGE; WE WOULD SIMPLY CONTINUE PAYING IT.

JIM LEKAS ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ASSOCIATED FEES WITH REFINANCING OR OTHER RELATED COSTS AND IF THE SAVINGS TOOK THOSE FEES INTO ACCOUNT. MICHAEL WILKINS RESPONDED. THERE ARE FEES AND THE \$12.5 MILLION IN SAVINGS DOES ACCOUNT FOR THOSE COSTS. IF RATES ARE TO DECREASE WE WOULD SAVE MORE OR IF THE RATES ENDED UP A LITTLE HIGHER WE WOULD SAVE A LITTLE LESS. HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT BE AS HIGH AS IT IS RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ALSO NOTED IF THE PROPOSITION WERE TO BE APPROVED BY THE TAXPAYERS IT WILL AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO REFINANCE. IT DOES NOT OBLIGATE THE COUNTY TO DO SO. IF THE INTEREST RATES ARE NOT AS BENEFICIAL AS PLANNED, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE FIVE YEARS TO SELL THE BONDS AT THE LOWEST RATE POSSIBLE. THIS ESTIMATION OF SAVINGS IS BASED ON A HIGHER INTEREST THAN WE ARE ACTUALLY EXPECTING TO RECEIVE.

MICHAEL WILKINS ALSO NOTED THERE ARE TWO BONDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX. THE REVENUE BONDS WAS ORIGINALLY \$39 MILLION AND IS NOW \$36 MILLION, WHICH IS WHAT IS PROPOSED TO BE REFINANCED. THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION BOND WITH THE CIB BOARD AT 2.5% INTEREST AND IT WILL NOT BE CHANGED. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER HEARING HELD OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM. THE BALLOTS WILL ALREADY BE IN THE VOTERS HANDS AT THAT POINT. A VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET WILL BE GOING OUT TO ALL REGISTERED VOTER HOUSEHOLDS AROUND THE SAME TIME AS THE BALLOTS.

ALEX BUXTON, ZIONS BANK FINANCE MANGER FOR BONDS WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. THURSDAY HE AND MICHAEL WILKINS, WENDI LONG, AND OTHER COUNTY STAFF MET WITH THE UTAH TAX PAYERS ASSOCIATION. THIS GROUP WATCHES OUT FOR THE TAXPAYERS IN THE STATE. THE PROPOSITION WAS EXPLAINED TO THEM. THE COUNTY STAFF GAVE A GREAT PRESENTATION. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE ASSOCIATION OFFICIALLY BUT WE FULLY EXPECT A POSITIVE ENDORSEMENT FROM THEM. WE HAVE RECEIVED A VERBAL VOTE OF SUPPORT BUT WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE WRITE UP. THE TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION IS RARELY IN FAVOR SO THE VERY LEAST WE CAN EXPECT IS A NEUTRAL POSITION.

JOEL BROWN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ASKED FOR AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE HANDOUT IN ORDER TO SEND IT TO CHAMBER MEMBERS. THIS IS A WIN-WIN FOR THE COMMUNITY. HE ALSO ASKED COMMISSIONER STRINGER TO ATTEND A CHAMBER LUNCHEON TO PROVIDE INFORMATION.

AS THERE WERE NO OTHER COMMENTS, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.

#### **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY LSTA GRANT**

SAM PASSEY PRESENTED THE LIBRARY LSTA GRANT FOR APPROVAL. THIS GRANT WILL PROVIDE \$14,805 IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COLLECTION AND PILOT A PROJECT FOR SERVING RESIDENTS ON THE WEST SIDE. THEY PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A STORY TIME IN THE PARK IN LAPOINT NEXT SUMMER. THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE LIBRARY IS DOING TO ENGAGE THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE ALSO TRYING TO IMPLEMENT A HOME BOUND PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEALS ON WHEELS.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LSTA GRANT AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **SIGN CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR PROJECT A: PERIMETER FENCING (WESTERN FENCE)**

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND LED THE DISCUSSION AS KELLY HARVEY, AIRPORT MANAGER, WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS BOTH CERTIFICATES OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION.

#### **SIGN CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR PROJECT B: WATER, SEWER, & DEMOLITION PROJECT (GENEVA ROCK)**

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED WHAT SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION MEANS. PROJECT A IS DONE BUT PROJECT B HAS A FEW MINOR ITEMS TO COMPLETE. THIS ALLOWS THEM TO BE PAID FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE PROJECT. ENOUGH FUNDS WILL BE HELD BACK TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATES OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR PROJECTS A AND B AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED.

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED IF THESE WERE PART OF THE ENTIRE AIRPORT PROJECT AND WHAT THE COST IS. THESE TWO PROJECTS ARE PART OF THE IMPROVEMENTS BEING DONE AT THE AIRPORT. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND DID NOT HAVE COSTS WITH HIM BUT WOULD GET THEM FOR ED.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE CALLED FOR A VOTE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVE AND SIGN CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR PROJECT B: WATER, SEWER, AND DEMOLITION PROJECT (GENEVA ROCK)**

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND INDICATED THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW ISSUES THAT ARE YET TO BE RESOLVED AND KELLY HARVEY HAS ASKED THIS TO BE TABLED.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO TABLE CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR PROJECT B. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH UTAH COUNTY, VERNAL CITY AND THE UTAH TRANSPORTATION SSD FOR THE SPONSORSHIP, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VERNAL REGIONAL AIRPORT**

LOREN ANDERSON LED THE DISCUSSION. UTAH LAW ALLOWS THE TRANSPORTATION SSD TO OPERATE THE AIRPORT. THE TRANSPORTATION SSD WILL BE MEETING TOMORROW TO CONSIDER THESE AGREEMENTS AS WELL. QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BUT IF MORE COME UP THEY WILL BE ADDRESSED AS WELL. VERNAL CITY WILL ALSO HAVE TO CONSIDER THESE AGREEMENTS BUT WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THAT MEETING IS. THE TRANSPORTATION SSD HAS INDICATED THEIR APPROVAL AND VERNAL CITY IS WAITING FOR THE COUNTY TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE THREE ENTITIES FOR THE AIRPORT AS PRESENTED.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ASKED FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. LOREN INDICATED THEY ARE NORMALLY THE DATE THE LAST ENTITY SIGNS. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND RECOMMENDED OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN VERNAL CITY IS MEETING. IF THEY MEET PAST THAT DATE WE WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER IT.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED LOREN TO VERIFY THE AGREEMENT INDICATED THE DISTRICT WOULD MOVE EVERYTHING INTO THEIR NAME AND PAY THE BILLS AND THE EMPLOYEES WOULD MOVE TO THE DISTRICT AS WELL. LOREN AGREED IT DOES.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

MICHAEL WILKINS NOTED VERNAL CITY HAS NOT PAID ANYTHING ON THE AIRPORT SINCE DECEMBER 31, 2014 PENDING THESE AGREEMENTS. HE ASSUMED THE EFFECTIVE DATE WOULD BE JANUARY 1, 2015. VERNAL CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PORTION. LOREN ANDERSON INDICATED THE MOU WITH THE CITY WOULD ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. THE CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES WITH THE FAA WILL GO THROUGH THE COUNTY AS THE TRANSPORTATION SSD WILL BE PAYING A LEASE TO COVER THESE BILLS.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND CLARIFIED THE MOTION WOULD INCLUDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. COMMISSIONER STRINGER AGREED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE CALLED FOR A VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH UTAH COUNTY, VERNAL CITY AND THE UTAH TRANSPORTATION SSD LEASING REAL PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENTS, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO THE UTSSD**

LOREN ANDERSON INDICATED THIS IS THE COMPANION AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND EXPLAINS WHAT IS BEING LEASED TO THE DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF MOU WITH VERNAL CITY CONCERNING FUTURE MONETARY PAYMENTS BY VERNAL CITY FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE COUNTY CONFERENCE CENTER**

THIS IS THE LAST COMPONENT. THIS IS THE MOU BETWEEN VERNAL CITY AND THE COUNTY. THE CITY WILL PAY \$200,000 PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS FOR THE CONFERENCE CENTER RATHER THAN PAYING A PORTION OF THE AIRPORT COSTS.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE MOU AS PRESENTED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2015 WITH PAYMENTS BEGINNING JULY 15, 2015 AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**DISCUSSION AND POSITION OF ASHLEY VALLEY ENERGY ROUTE**

COMMISSIONER MCKEE LED THE DISCUSSION. SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> THERE WAS A MEETING AT THE WESTERN PARK TO DISCUSS THE ROUTE. MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ATTENDED. IT WAS CLEAR THAT BUSINESS OWNERS WERE CONCERNED WITH THE EFFECT THE ROUTE MAY HAVE ON DOWNTOWN RETAIL. CITY LEADERS HAD CONTACTED THE COUNTY IN 2006 AND 2007 IN REGARDS TO THE HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC ON MAIN STREET. THIS PROJECT WAS SENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION SSD. THEY HELD MANY PUBLIC MEETINGS AND HEARD FROM ATTENDEES THAT MOST WANTED IT SOUTH OF 6500 SOUTH. WITH THE DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY THERE IS MORE CONCERN FROM BUSINESSES. THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE PREPARED A LETTER TO THE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT. IT THANKED THEM FOR ALL THE EFFORTS THEY PUT INTO BETTERING OUR COMMUNITY. IT ALSO ASKED THEM TO DEPRIORITIZE PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 OF THE ASHLEY VALLEY ENERGY ROUTE BUT TO COMPLETE THE BLM'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AS IT COULD BE USED IN THE FUTURE.

ADAM MASSEY, UINTAH TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT, THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR CLEARING UP MISCONCEPTIONS. THE DISTRICT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY AND PRIORITIZE THE OVERALL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY. THE PROJECT WAS BROUGHT FORWARD BY VERNAL CITY AND NAPLES CITY MANY YEARS AGO AND SAT DORMANT. AS TRAFFIC COUNTS INCREASED IT WAS ADDRESSED AGAIN. THE DISTRICT RESPECTS THE DECISIONS BY THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. THE TRANSPORTATION SSD BOARD PRIORITIZES THEIR LIST OF PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE SSD BOARD. AS THE NEWEST COMMISSIONER, THIS IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND A REMINDER. THE BOARDS ARE AN EXTENSION OF THE COUNTY AND NOT FULLY INDEPENDENT AND DOING WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO. COMMISSIONERS ARE A PART OF THE BOARDS AND THE CONDUIT FOR THE PUBLIC. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARDS TO STAY IN TUNE TO THE COMMUNITIES NEEDS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DISTRICT CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE RIGHT OF WAYS FOR FUTURE POSSIBILITIES.

ROBERT BARNHILL ASKED HOW MUCH RIGHT OF WAY IS LEFT TO OBTAIN. IN RESPONSE, MOST OF THE EAST PHASE IS PRIVATE AND A SMALL AMOUNT IS SITLA. THE WEST PHASE IS MOSTLY SITLA AND BLM. NO RIGHT OF WAYS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED YET. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ALSO NOTED THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS REVISING THE MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN. THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED ARE NOT BEING THROUGH AWAY. WE WILL KEEP ALL OPTIONS OPEN. WE WILL BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT EXPENDITURES WHEN OBTAINING ANY RIGHT OF WAY.

JEREMY RAYMOND ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION ON THE DIFFERENT PHASES. ADAM MASSEY RESPONDED. PHASE 1 IS THE EAST END THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION TO HIGHWAY 45; 4.25 MILES. PHASE 2 IS THE WEST END FROM HIGHWAY 45 TO HIGHWAY 40 ACROSS MCCOY FLATS.

JIM LEKAS ADDRESSED THE MEETING. HE IS BOTH DISAPPOINTED AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE DECISION THE COMMISSION HAS TAKEN. HE IS DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THE ISSUES RAISED BY

CONCERNED CITIZENS COULD BE MITIGATED THROUGH ZONING AND LIMITING ACCESS ON THE ENERGY ROUTE. HE IS SUPPORTIVE BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZES THE ECONOMICS IN PAYING FOR THE ROAD HAVE CHANGED AND IT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTED UNTIL THE TIME IS RIGHT. HE DID RECOMMEND THE DISTRICT CONTINUE BEYOND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND SECURE THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ASKED JIM LEKAS ABOUT THE SITLA MEETING IN VERNAL THIS WEEK. THE SITLA BOARD AND STAFF WILL BE HERE TOMORROW, THE 15<sup>TH</sup>, TO TAKE A TOUR OF THE MANY PROJECTS IN UTAH COUNTY THAT MAY IMPACT SITLA. PART OF THIS TOUR IS THE ENERGY ROUTE AND OIL AND GAS AND SHALE INDUSTRY. AN OPEN HOUSE WILL BE AT THE VERNAL MARRIOTT TOWNPLACE AT 6:30 PM. HE ENCOURAGED THE COMMISSIONERS AND PUBLIC TO ATTEND AND VOICE OPINIONS TO THE SITLA BOARD AND STAFF.

**RESOLUTION #09-14-2015 R1: ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CAFETERIA PLAN**

MICHAEL WILKINS ASKED THIS RESOLUTION TO BE TABLED AS SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO TABLE RESOLUTION #09-14-2015 R1. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF REVISED UTAH RETIREMENT RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

MICHAEL WILKINS NOTED WHEN THE COUNTY APPROVED CHANGING TO NONCONTRIBUTORY THE RATES CHANGED. THIS WILL ACCEPT THESE NEW RATES. IT IS READY FOR SIGNATURES.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED RETIREMENT RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

ED ZURBUCHEN ATTENDED THE ENERGY SUMMIT AND WAS IMPRESSED. IT WAS A GOOD CONFERENCE IN A NICE FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND THANKED HIM AND ADDED MATT CAZIER WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING IN ANOTHER EVENT. THE UTAH CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION WILL BE PLANNING THEIR EVENT HERE NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MENTIONED THE NEW GROWTH ON CENTRALLY ASSESSED WAS FLAT. THE OVERALL TAXES SHOULD BE CLOSE TO LAST YEAR. TAXES WILL BE INCREASING SLIGHTLY BUT IT IS NOT THE COUNTY'S FAULT. MICHAEL WILKINS AGREED. THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED A STATEWIDE \$75 MILLION INCREASE IN THE UNIFORM SCHOOL RATE. THIS COMES TO \$2.8 MILLION FOR UTAH COUNTY; APPROXIMATELY \$45 PER HOUSEHOLD. IT WILL MOSTLY BE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND MOST WILL GO TO THE WASATCH FRONT. ALL ENTITIES IN UTAH COUNTY ACCEPTED THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE EXCEPT FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND THEY LOWERED THEIRS. ENTITIES MUST GO THROUGH TRUTH AND TAXATION TO INCREASE TAXES, EVEN IF BY \$1. THE LEGISLATURE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT. THEY CAN JUST INCREASE TAXES.

DON SHULL ADDRESSED THE MEETING. HE LIVES AT 3320 EAST AND 3500 SOUTH. THE SPEED LIMIT IS 35 MPH AND THERE ARE A LOT OF NEW HOUSES ALONG THE STREET WITH MANY LITTLE KIDS. HE IS AFRAID SOMEONE IS GOING TO GET HIT. IT IS NOT A DRAG STRIP. HE ASKED THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT AND ADD SIGNS. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND INDICATED THEY HAVE HEARD OTHER COMPLAINTS TOO. HE WILL BE GETTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE PATROLS AND SIGNAGE AND REVIEW THE SPEED LIMIT. DON NOTED THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY IS 25. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND REPLIED THEY WILL LOOK INTO IT AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE.

JOEL BROWN NOTED THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL SUMMIT WILL BE AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup>. GRAND COUNTY, DUCHESNE, COUNTY, EMERY COUNTY, CARBON COUNTY, AND FLAMING GORGE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE DINNER AND A TOUR OF THE FACILITY.

**ADJOURN:** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 P.M.

*Michael McKee*

MICHAEL MCKEE, CHAIR

*Michael W. Wilkins*

MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

